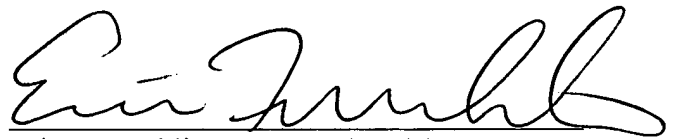


Remarks:

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependencies and thereby reduce the filing fee. Applicants have also amended the format of the claims and spelling of certain terms to reflect standard U.S. format.

Respectfully submitted,

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